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SUBJECT: UNCTAD ASSISTANCE TO COMMODITY PRODUCER GROUPS

REF: STATE 89689

1. MEMBER OF USDEL TO UNCTAD WORKING PARTY ON PROGRAM BUDGET (HINES) RAISED QUESTION INFORMALLY OF UNCTAD ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS WITH COMMODITIES DIVISION CHIEF CHIDZERO. HE NOTED THAT THIS NOT CALLED FOR IN WORK PROGRAM ITSELF (TD/B/540/ADD.1), BUT REFERRED TO IN MEDIUM-TERM PLAN. HE HOPED WORK PROGRAM WAS MORE ACCURATE DOCUMENT.

2. CHIDZERO REPLIED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WAS ALREADY RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM PRODUCER GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, STAFF MEMBER HAD PROVIDED ASIAN COCONUT GROUP WITH INFORMATION REGARDING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETIC SUBSTITUTES. AFRICAN GROUNDNUT PRODUCERS HAD SOUGHT ASSISTANCE IN EXPORT PROMOTION AND AFTER SPENDING ONE WEEK WITH SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO GATT/UNCTAD INTER-  
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NATIONAL TRADE CENTER. LASTLY, UNDP HAD FINANCED

JOINT UNDP/UNCTAD MISSION TO CENTRAL AMERICAN BANANA PRODUCERS. LATTER HAD, ACCORDING TO CHIDZERO, SOUGHT HELP ON SETTING UP MARKET INFORMATION OFFICE. CHIDZERO SAID THAT, AS THESE EXAMPLES REFLECTED, ASSISTANCE WAS NOT BEING PROVIDED ON PRICE QUESTIONS OR TO CARTELS.

2. WARMING TO HIS SUBJECT, CHIDZERO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS ASPECT OF UNCTAD ACTIVITIES COULD CONTINUE SINCE SECRETARIAT IN FACT HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO GUIDE PRODUCERS TOWARDS COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH CONSUMERS. HE WONDERED ALOUD THAT IF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT DID NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH ADVICE THAT WAS REASONABLE, WHO WOULD THEY TURN TO? HE NOTED THAT THE UNCTAD PROPOSAL FOR AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM IN COMMODITIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF ATTACKS PRECISELY BECAUSE, IN THE VIEW OF SOME COUNTRIES, IT TOOK CONSUMER INTERESTS TOO MUCH INTO CONSIDERATION.DALE

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